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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** The Director of Intelligence and Research  
The Department of State

**SUBJECT:** Requirement for Reconnaissance

1. The Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR) has recommended to this Agency that reconnaissance be accomplished of certain targets in the Far East. This matter will come before the Special Group on 11 May at which time its members will be briefed on the basis of this recommendation and on the type of operation that is contemplated.

2. Mr. James Q. Reber of my Organization, who serves as the Chairman of COMOR, can brief you on this matter prior to the 11 May meeting if you so desire.

3. The purpose of this note is to be responsive to a request I understand you have made to be notified in writing when proposals of this sort are to come before the Special Group. If it facilitates your work to have such written notification, I will ask Mr. Reber to provide it in the future. I am sure you will understand that security would be ill-served by including in this kind of formal notification either any indication of time or place of the proposed operation or any listing of the considerations which have generated the requirement.

**RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR.**  
Deputy Director  
(Plans)

DDP:RMB:as (9 May 1961)

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